

To: Region 3 Committee
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From: Eric Grigorian, Region 3 Director
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Dear Colleagues,

Hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to the beautiful fall, cooler fall weather, and for those who are in sports, football and futbol! By now all schools are in session and for our academic members, I'm sure you are actively engaged in training our next up and coming engineers! Fall also brings about the nomination and election of new officers that will start beginning of next year. In August, with assistance from our Secretary, Pat Donohoe, I sent out an eNotice to each Area opening up the nominations for all sections that are to have an election this year. The response to eNotice was very interesting as I personally received many inquiries that I forwarded to respective Area Chairs to follow-up. With the deadline for the data call expiring on 9/19/2024, I am looking forward to the report by the Area Chairs to see how we fared for the upcoming section election season. Talking about elections, IEEE election for IEEE President-Elect, and IEEE-USA, President-Elect is ongoing. If you have not submitted your vote, please make sure that you vote for your candidate of choice as the deadline for elections is fast approaching. For both candidate slates, there were live forums and hope you had a chance to participate and listen to the candidates' positions. For the IEEE-USA candidates, Region 3 coordinated activities with Region 4 & Region 5 to host a session on September 16th.

During the month, I have also been working with IEEE-USA on Region 3's IWRC in Aerospace and Defense. The agenda for the event is coming together well as we have confirmed participation by DoD, and have identified a key individual within NASA's Marshal Space Flight Center who is full of energy and is actively supporting development of activities. If you are aware of any organizations within your Section that is interested in participating in the event, please let me know as this is an event for the Region as we are trying to bring funding associated with CHIPS Act to our Region. More information on the conference can be found at <https://iwrc.ieeeusa.org/alabama/>.

Next few weeks is going to become very busy as we will start planning for activities in 2025. Along with Director-Elect and Treasurer, I will be attending the upcoming Treasurer Training. Additionally, I will be participating in the virtual IEEE BoD meeting. I plan to work with our Treasurer to develop our budget for 2025, work on the upcoming Region 3 Strategic Planning, and work our schedule of activities for Region 3 meetings at SoutheastCon.

Thank you for your continued support to IEEE!

Regards,

Eric Grigorian
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